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1. PURSUANT TO RATIONALE IN REF C, WE HAVE INVESTIGATED
SOURCE OF FUEL PRESENTLY ON HAND TO MEET NEED OF PHILIP-
PINE AIR FORCE BASE AT BASA. THERE ARE PRESENTLY 22,000
BARRELS JP4 IN SUBIC-CLARK PIPELINE. BASA IS
APPROXIMATELY HALFWAY ON THE PIPELINE; AND BASA'S STORAGE
CAPACITY IS 40,900 BARRELS. IF BASA FILL IS MADE, 11,000
BARRELS IN PIPELINE WOULD BE DRAWN OFF ALONG WITH APPROX-
IMATELY 30,000 FROM CLARK STORAGE.

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2. PRODUCT IN PIPELINE WAS REFINED IN VIRGIN ISLANDS. MESSAGE ON FUEL PROBLEM REFER ONLY TO CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF WHETHER VIRGIN ISLANDS REFINERY IS INCLUDED IN CONUS FOR PURPOSES OF CONGRESSIONAL PROHIBITION OF SALE OF FUEL TO SOUTH EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES.

3. PRODUCT IN STORAGE AT CLARK ALSO COMES FROM VIRGIN ISLANDS REFINERY AND NON-CONUS REFINERIES. HOWEVER, IT IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY WHAT PRECISE PERCENTAGE OF JP4 IN CLARK STORAGE IS VIRGIN ISLANDS REFINED.

4. PAF NEED IS CRITICAL AT BASA WHERE TANKS DRYING UP RAPIDLY AND FLIGHT OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN CURTAILED. IN VIEW URGENCY OF PROBLEM, PROPOSE ONE-TIME FILL BE MADE FROM STOCK IN PIPELINE AND IN STORAGE AT CLARK. REQUEST APPROPRIATE FMS AUTHORITY BE PROVIDED JUSMAG QUICKLY.

5. WHEN AUTHORITY RECEIVED WE WILL BRIEF GOP ON PROBLEM AND OUR INABILITY TO SUPPLY PAF WITH CONUS-REFINED FUEL. WE WILL POINT OUT THAT FUEL PRESENTLY AVAILABLE TO RESTOCK BASA ON ONE-TIME BASIS, AND THAT WE WELL AWARE OF BASA'S DEPENDENCE ON SUBIC-CLARK PIPELINE. HOWEVER, GOP WILL BE TOLD FUTURE RESUPPLY OF BASA UNLIKELY UNLESS US ABLE TO OBTAIN NON-CONUS REFINED PRODUCT. AS ALTERNATIVE TO FUTURE SALES ARRANGEMENTS, HOWEVER, EMBASSY PROPOSES TO RECOMMEND TO GOP THAT IT DEPOSIT 40,000 BARRELS JP4 IN SUBIC STORAGE WHICH THEN COULD BE REGARDED AS COMMINGLED WITH BUT SEPARATE FROM USAF FUEL SUPPLY; THUS, BASA COULD DRAW ON PIPELINE AS NEEDED AND GOP WOULD CONTINUE TO REPLACE FUEL AS REQUIRED. THIS PROPOSAL IS CONSISTENT WITH RECOMMENDATION MADE TO EMBASSY BANGKOK IN PARA 2 OF REF B. REQUEST CONCURRENCE.

6. AS FOR MACTAN, GOP HAS CAPABILITY OF MAKING ITS OWN RESUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS AND WE WILL POINT THAT OUT.

7. FYI: ADDRESSEES SHOULD BE AWARE THAT GOP-OWNED PETROPHIL CONTINUING TO PROVIDE BASES WITH 16,000 BARRELS OF MOGAS MONTHLY AND THAT CONTRACT DUE FOR RENEWAL IN APRIL. FMS SALES OF JP4 AVERAGED 9,500 BARRELS (7,000 FOR BASA AND
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2,500 FOR MACTAN) MONTHLY IN 1973. END FYI.
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